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Mr. Kirkpatrick called to inquire if I had seen anything concerning a statement on the radio by Robert Morris, Chief Counsel, for the Internal Security Subcommittee, advocating that an independent agency be established for the purpose of handling defectors. I had not seen anything on this and Mr. Kirkpatrick was going to pursue it further with Colonel Grogan and would alert me if anything were found.

Representative Frank M. Coffin (D., Maine) called and after indicating his position on the House Foreign Affairs Committee inquired whether there was any material he could be furnished on a continuing and periodical basis to brief him on world events generally. He stated that he would prefer to have such material as might be unclassified but that if necessary he would make arrangements to handle it on a classified basis. Representative Coffin stated that he thought as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee he had a legitimate interest in receiving appropriate information on foreign affairs which possibly all members of Congress would not have. He was informed that we did not do this type of thing. He suggested a letter to Mr. Dulles and I countered by saying I would take it up with Mr. Dulles personally and advise him further. I also inquired whether Representative Coffin had called Department of State on this and he indicated he was going to call Mr. Macomber in the next few minutes and would raise the point. He further indicated he would tell Macomber that he had raised this point with me. I shall talk with Macomber before taking any further action.

The DCI presented an intelligence briefing before the CIA Subcommittee of the House Armed Services. Accompanying the Director were Messrs. Amery, Scoville and Warner. Congressmen present included Chairman Vinson, Overton Brooks, Paul Kilday, Leslie Arends, Leon Gavin and Walter Norblad. Present from the staff were Mr. Stuart and Mr. Blandford. The session went very well. See memo for the record for detailed discussion, dated 6 January 1958.

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